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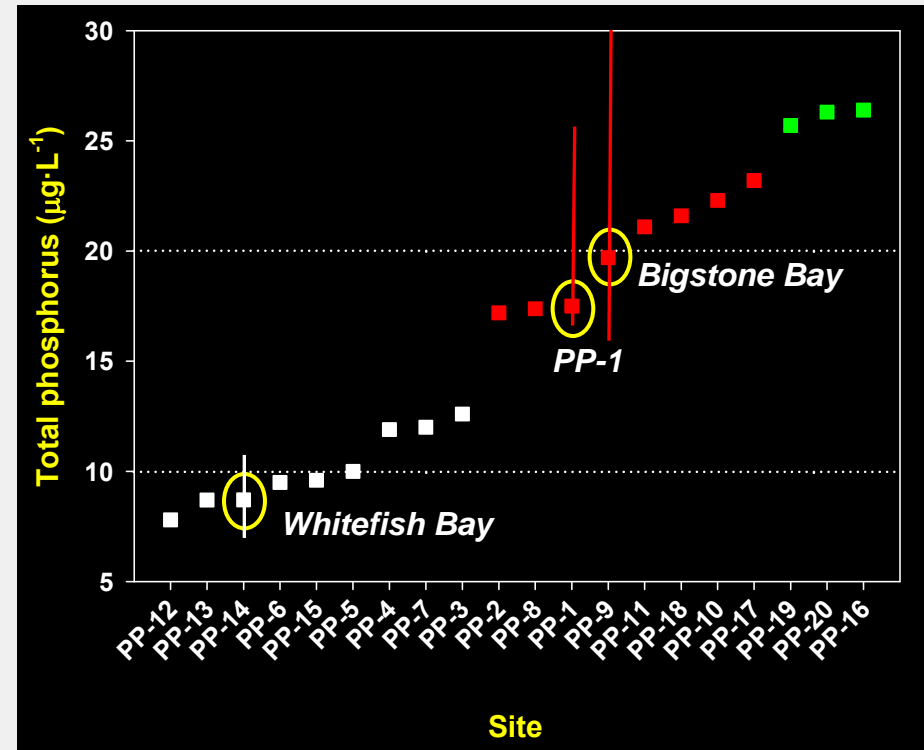
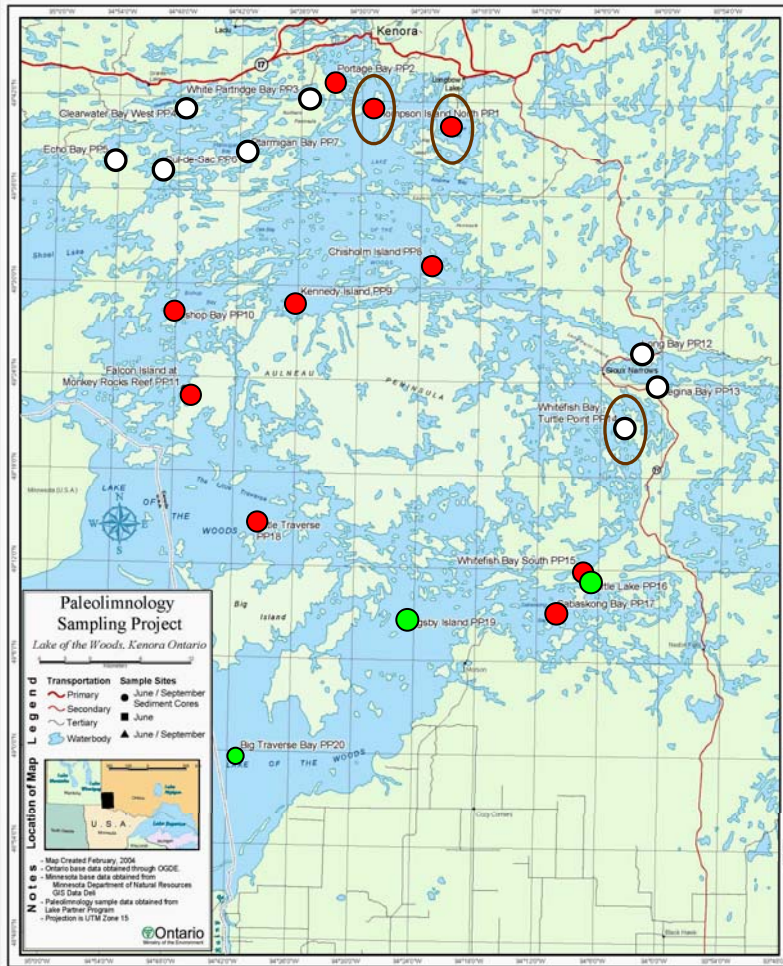
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Total Phosphorus Gradient

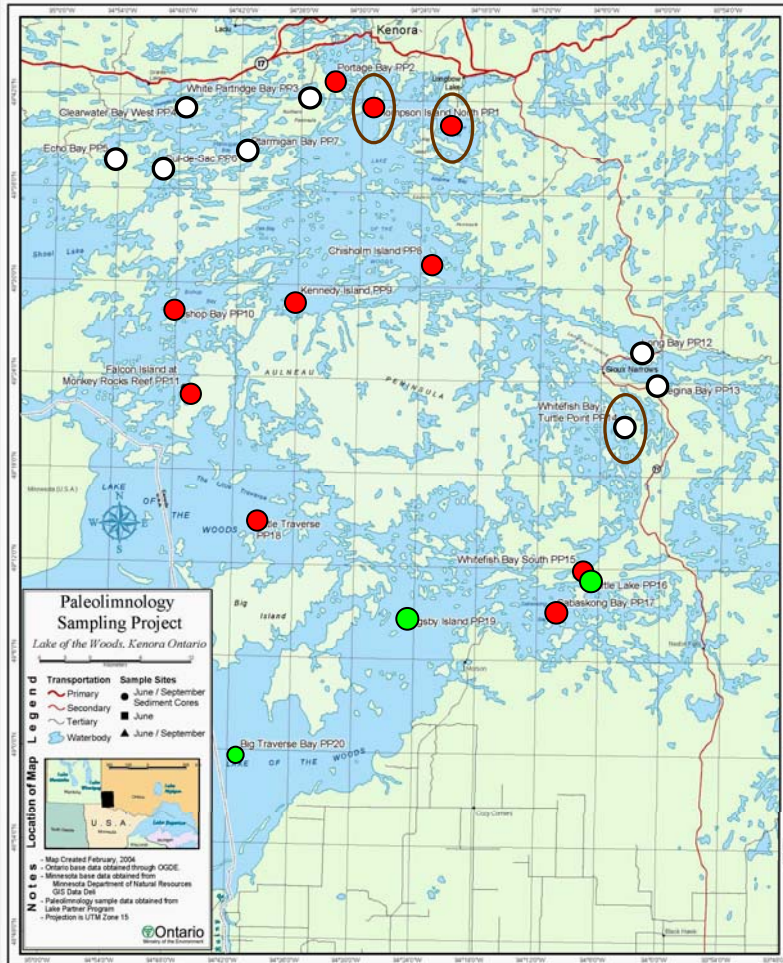


Summer measurements

Lake of the Woods training set

DI-TP model development for LOW

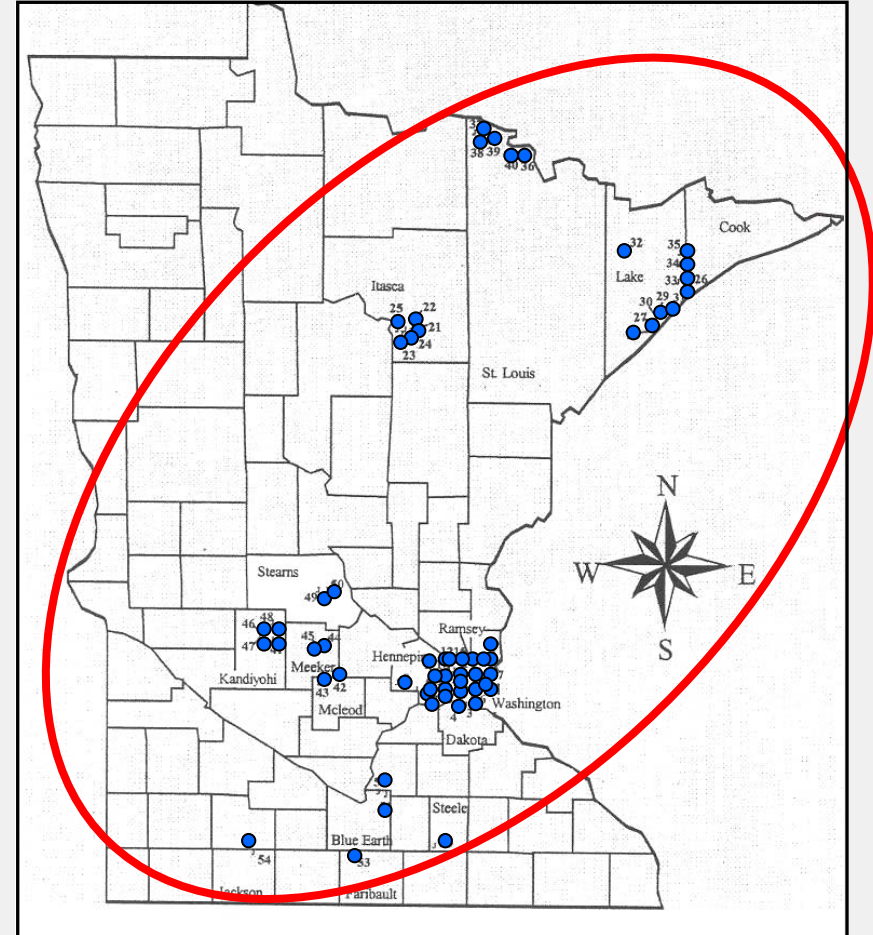
16 sites in LOW



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From J Great Lakes Res Pla et al. 2005 31: 253-266

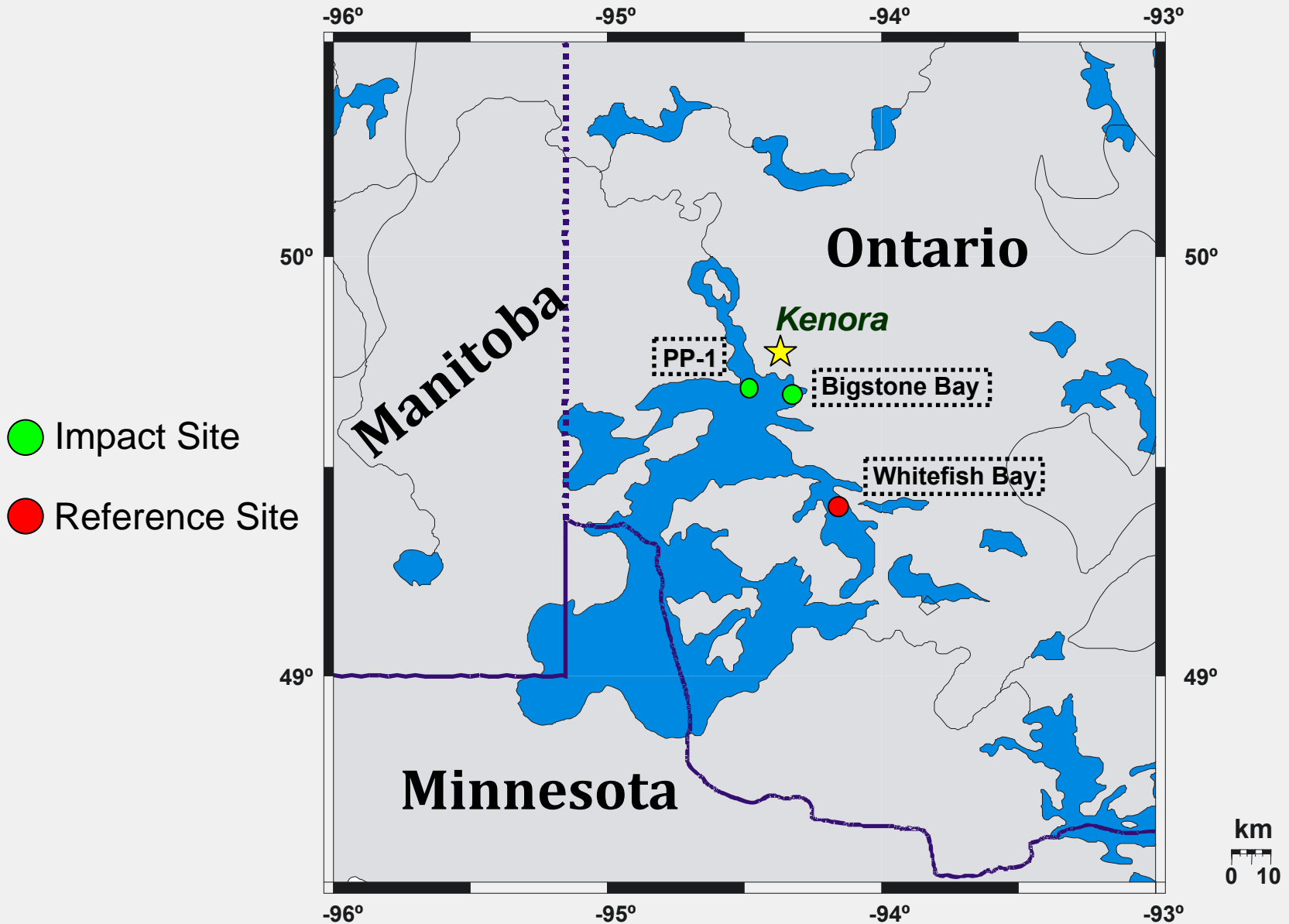
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Northern Lakes and Forests (NLF) sites

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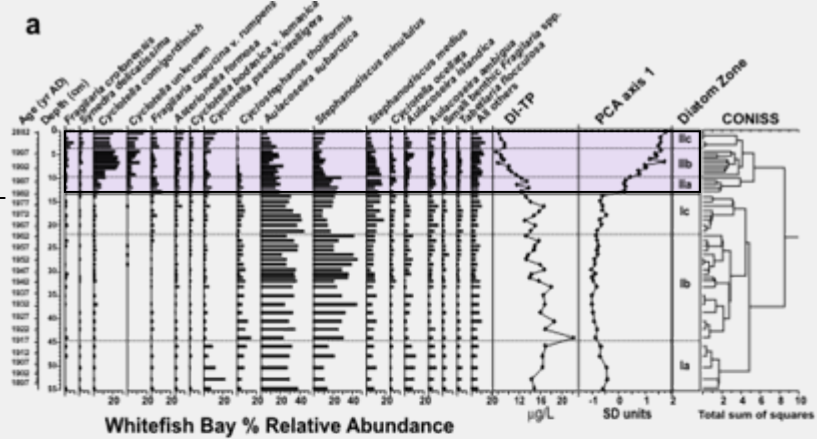
Location of sampling sites for sediment cores



Update on research
Diatom analysis complete

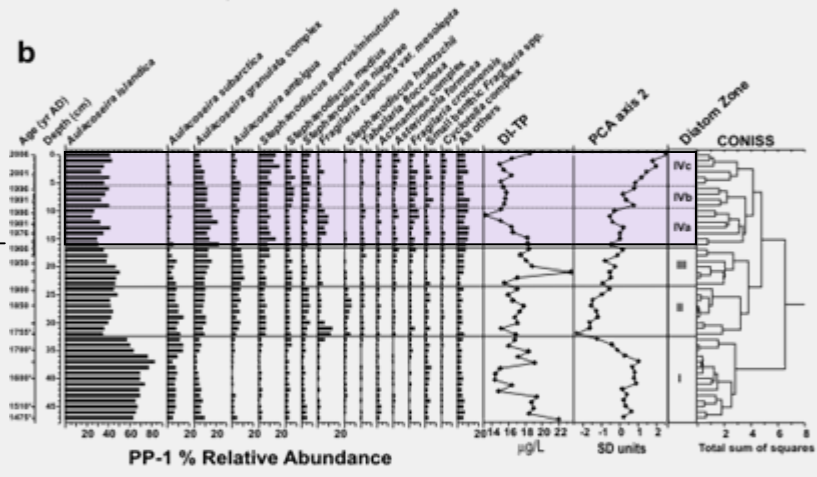
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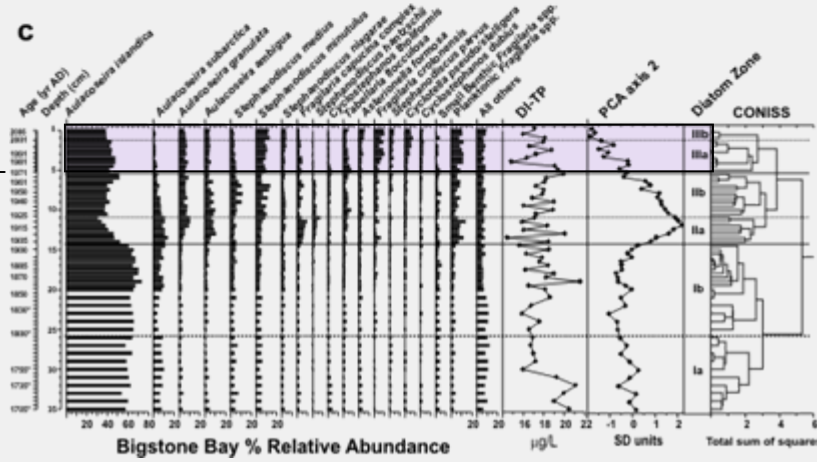
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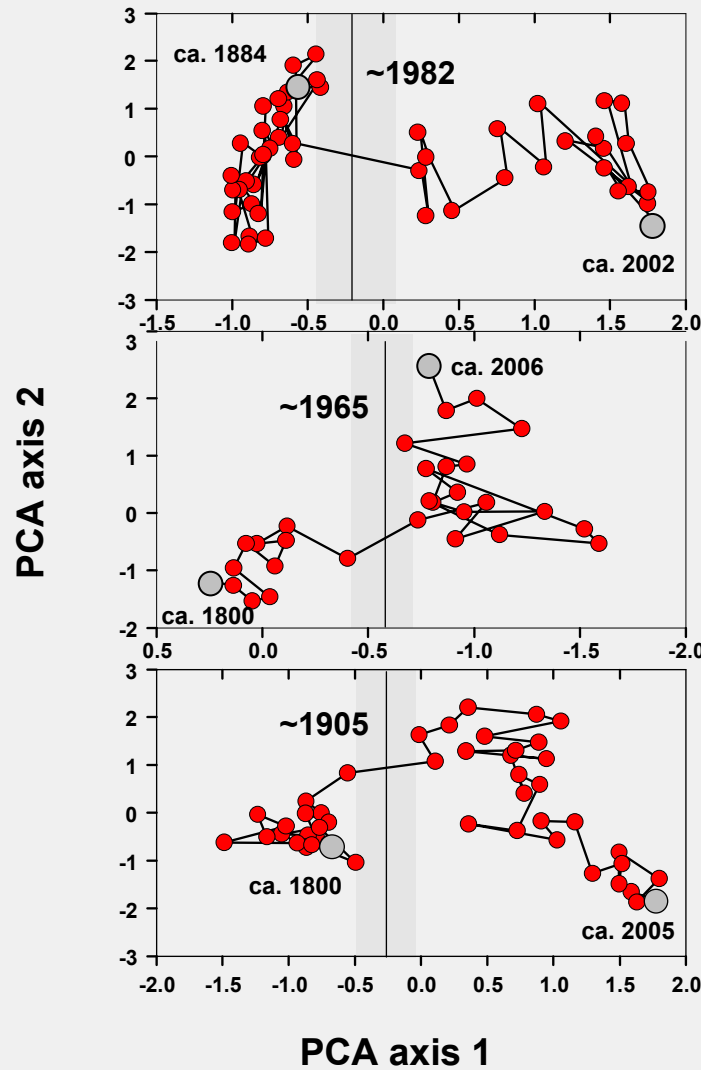
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Trajectories of diatom change over time

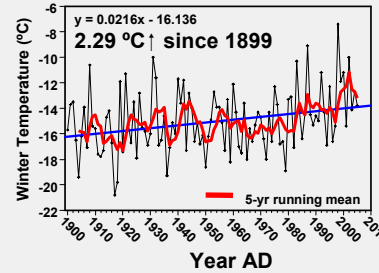
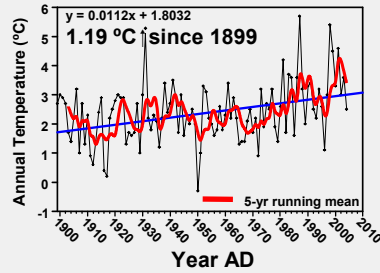
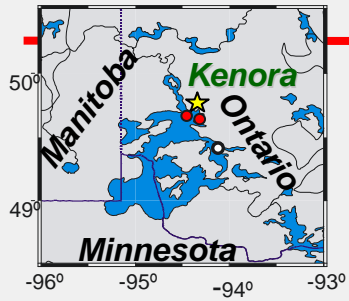


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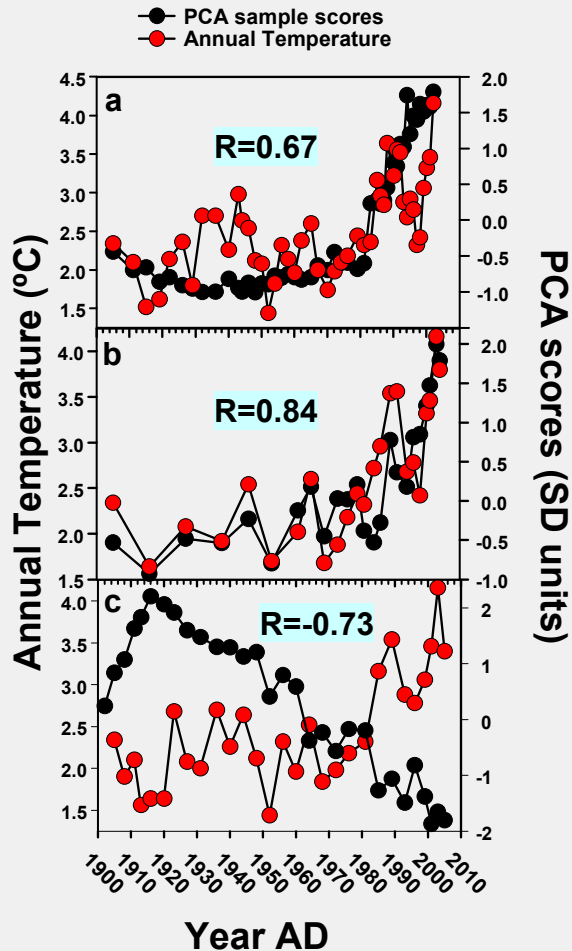
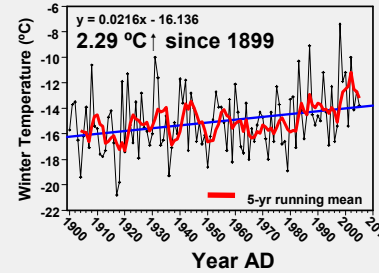
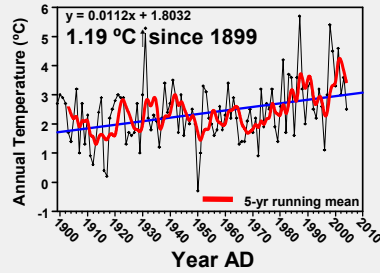
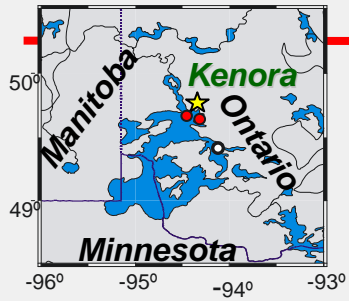
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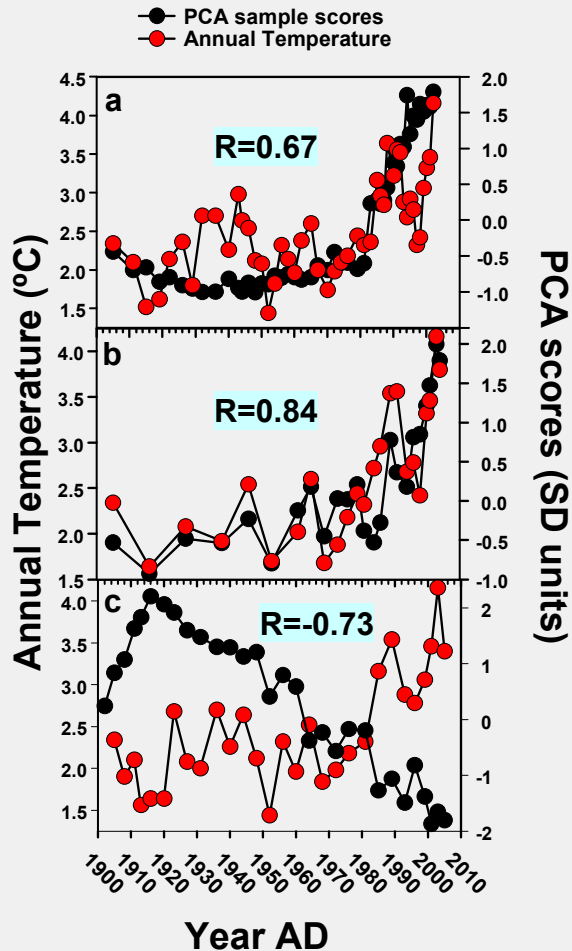
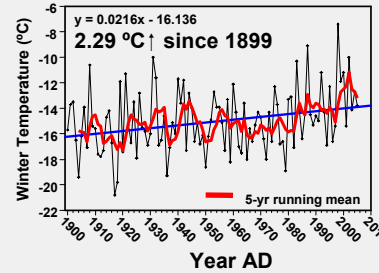
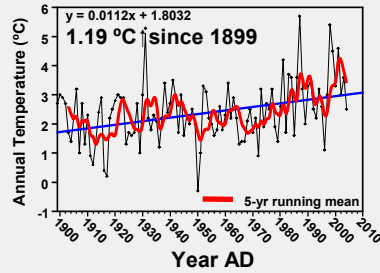
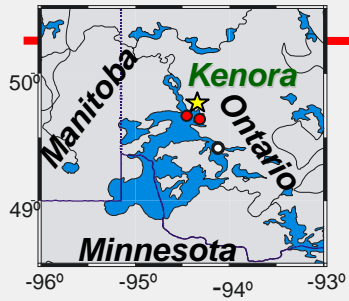
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PCA scores (SD units)

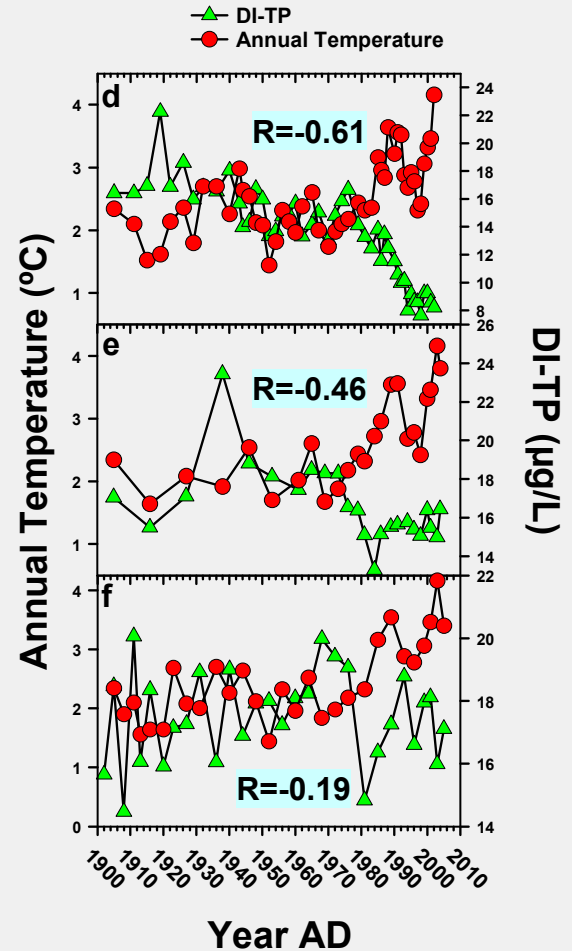
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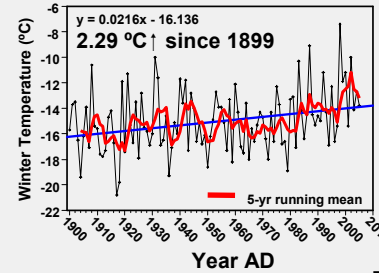
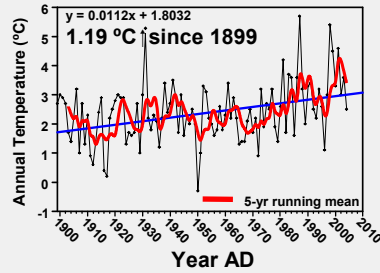
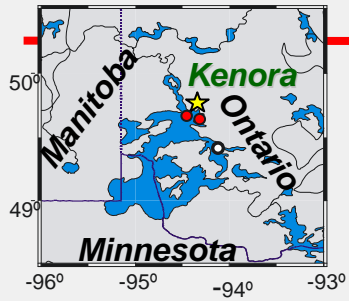
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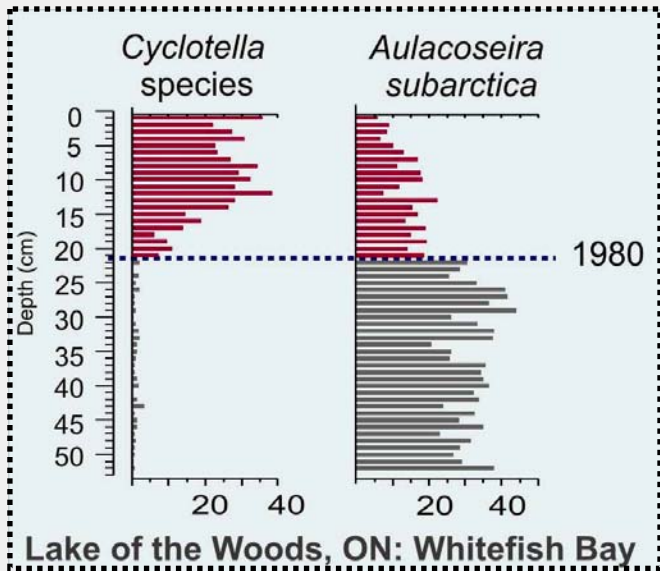
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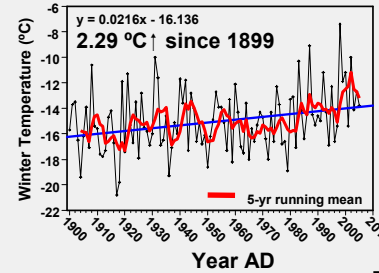
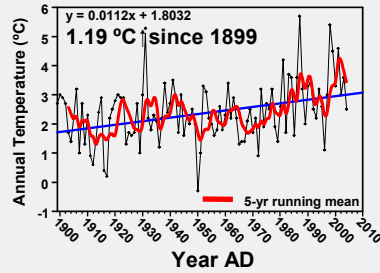
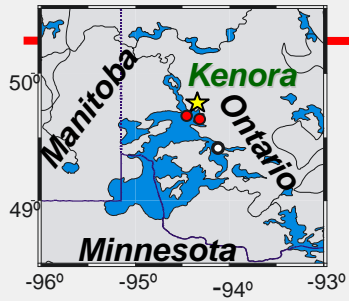
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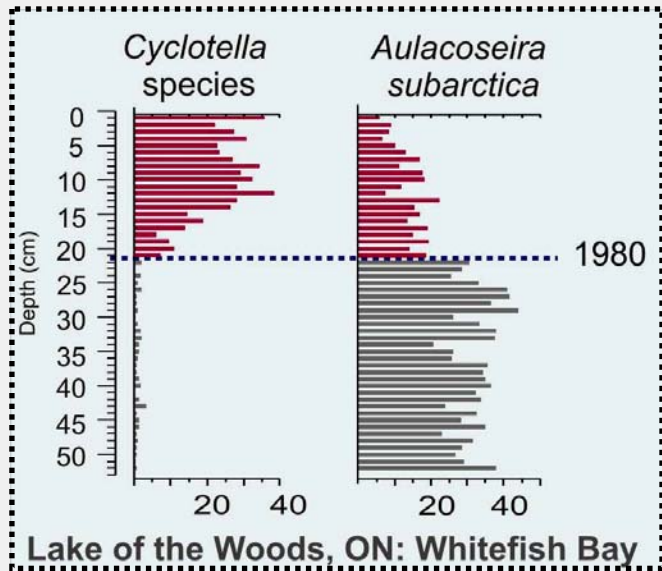
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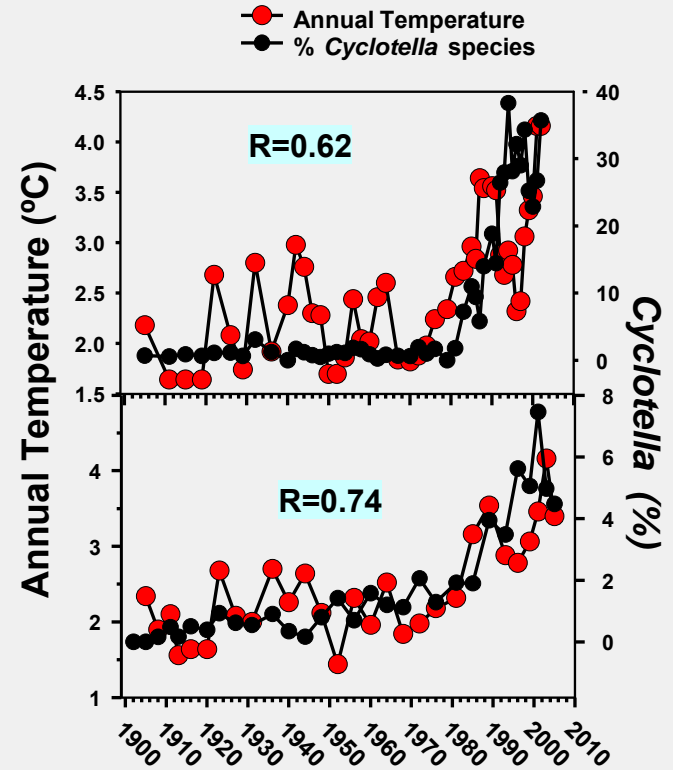


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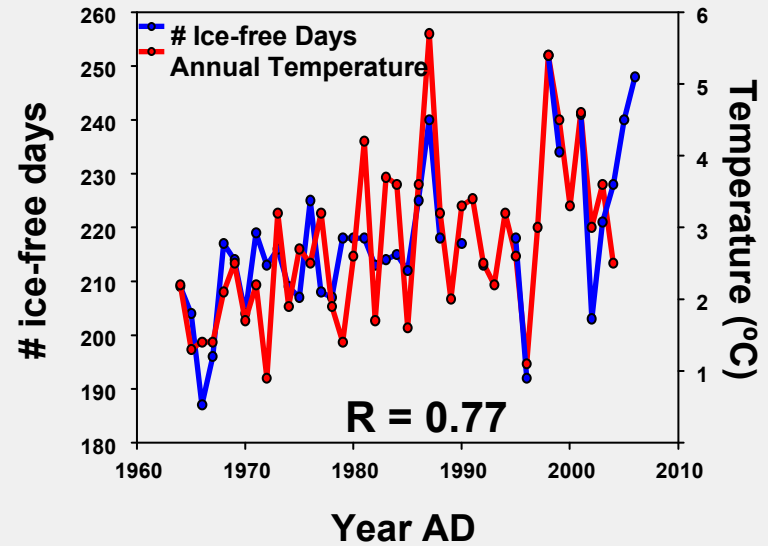
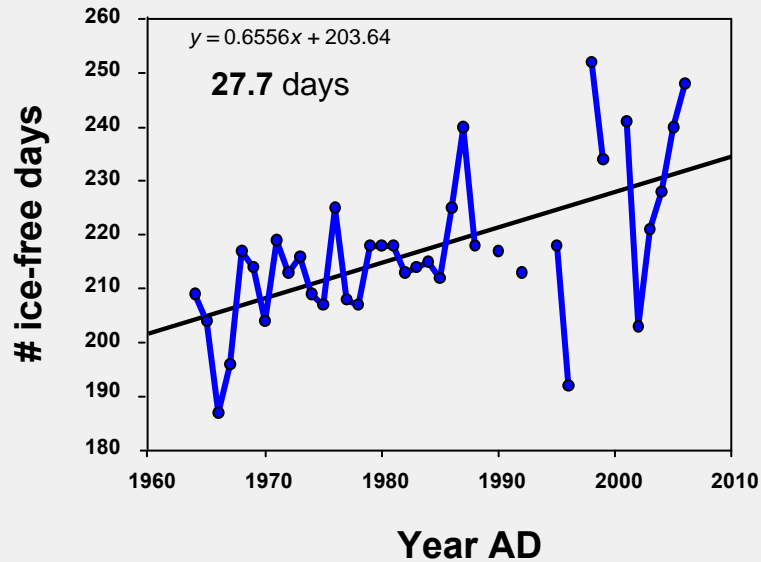


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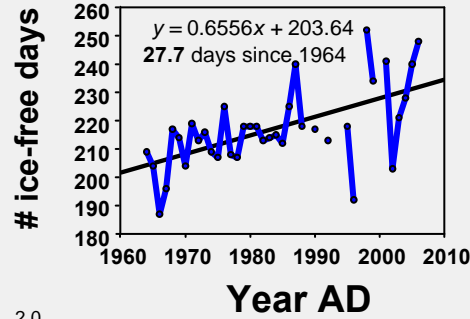
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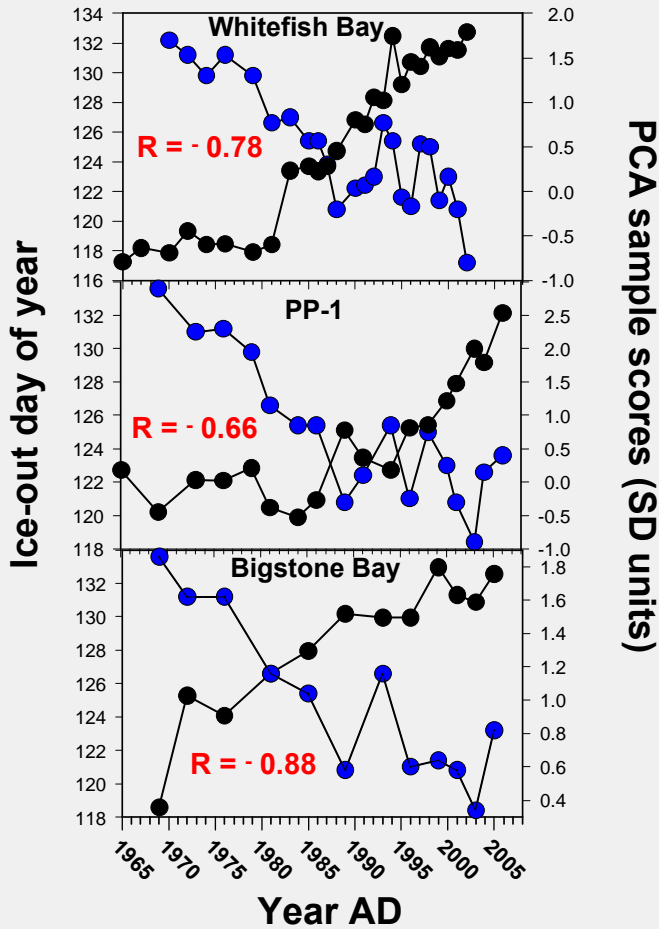
Ice-free period has increased by **27.7 days** since 1964

Corresponds to increases in Kenora temperature

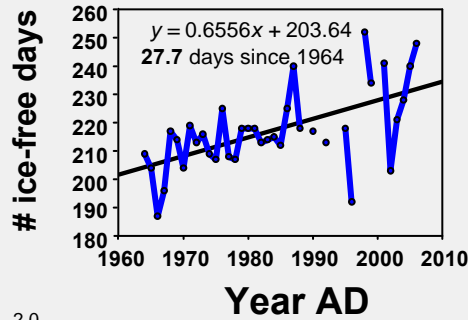
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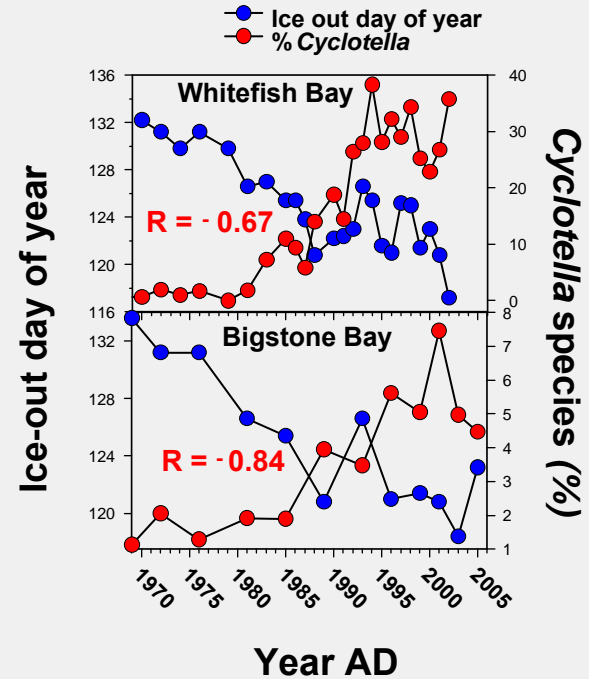
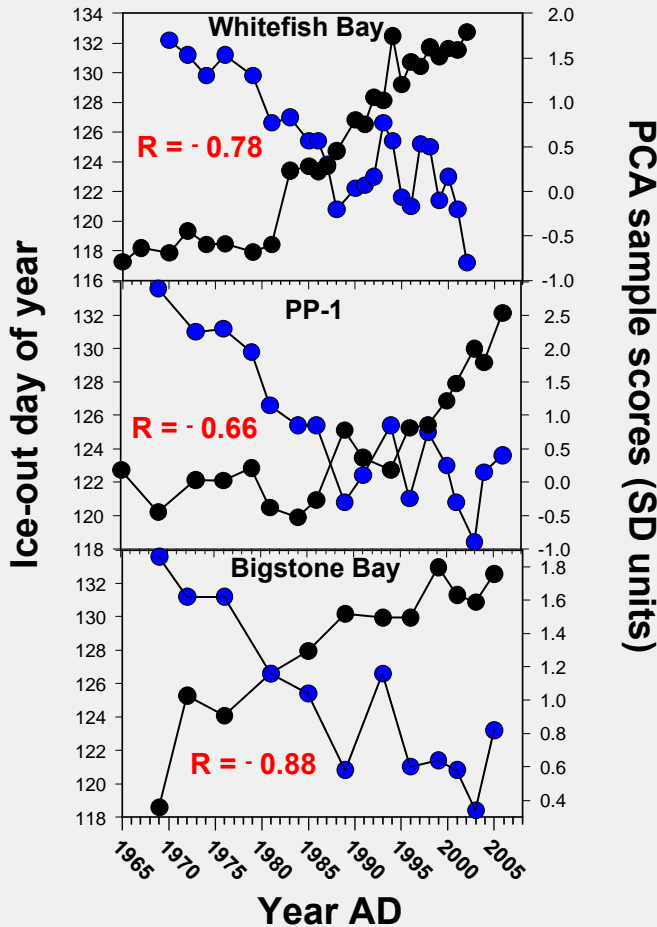
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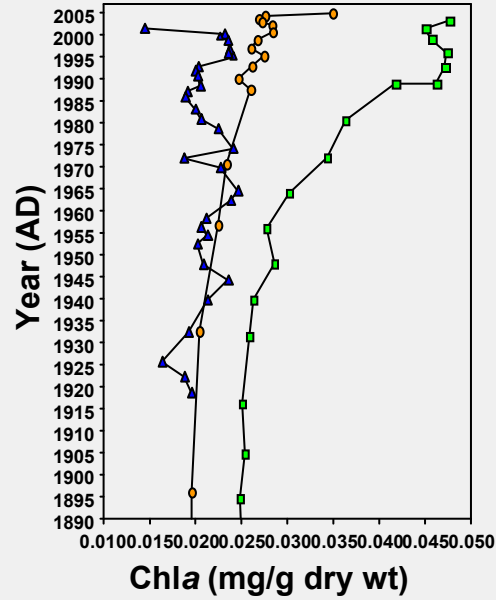


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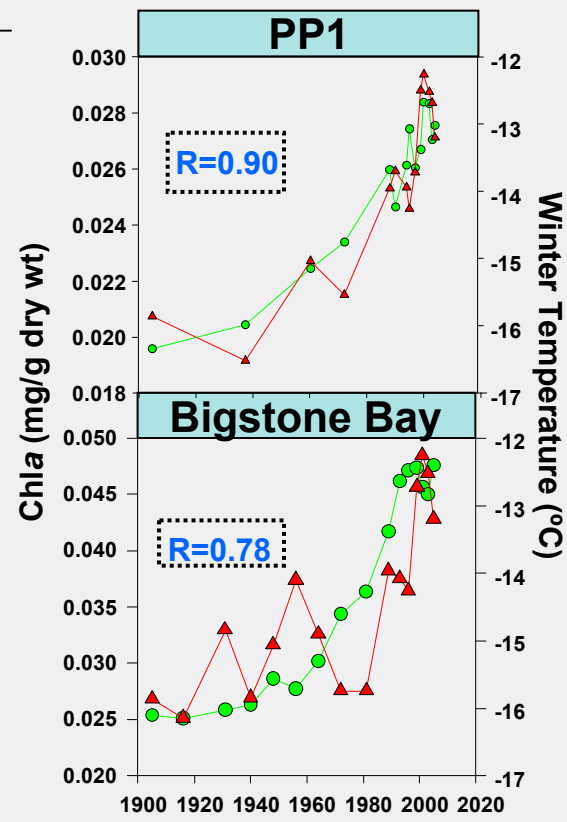
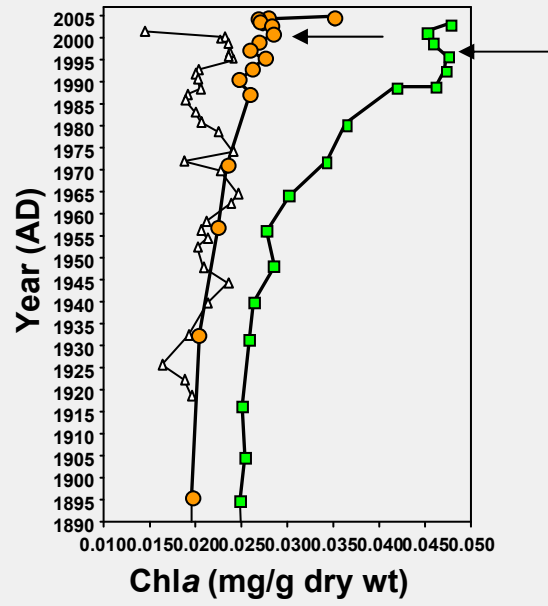
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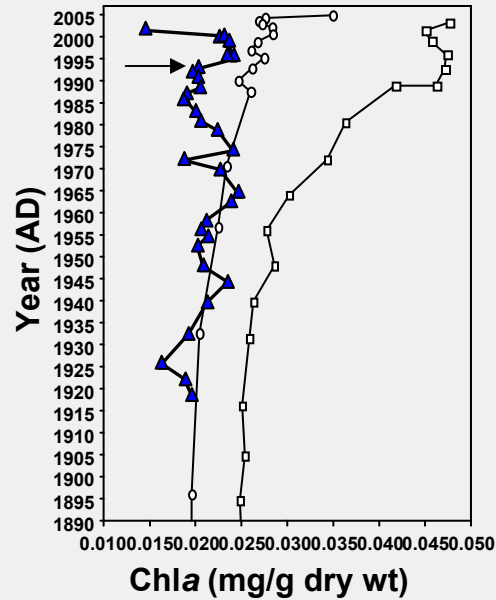
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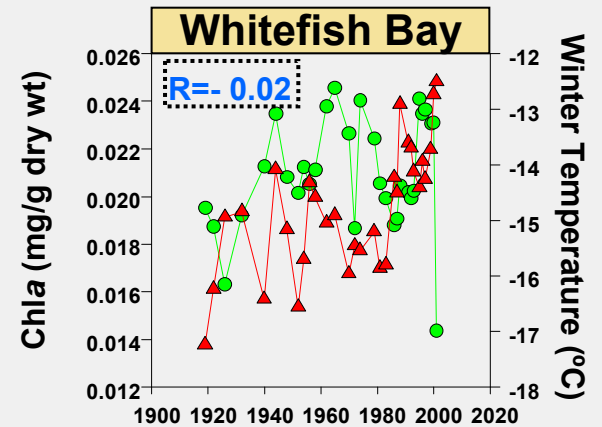
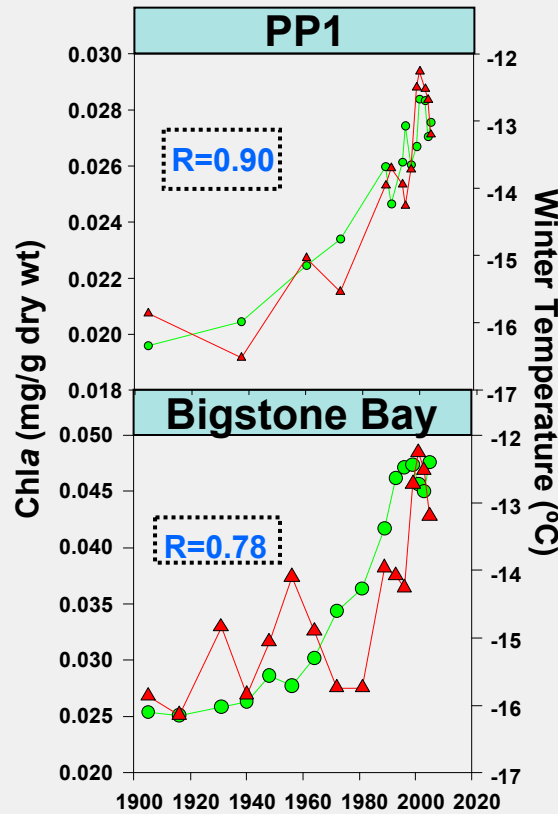


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Refereed papers: LOW paleo studies (so far)

- 1) Pla, S., Paterson, A., Smol J. (2005). Spatial variability in water quality and surface sediment diatom assemblages in a complex lake basin: Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada. *J. Great Lakes Res.* **31**: 253-266.
- 2) Yang, Z., Teller, J. (2005). Modeling the history of Lake of the Woods since 11,000 cal yr B.P. using GIS. *J. Paleolimnol.* **33**: 483-498.
- 3) Reavie E., N. Baratono (2007). Multi-core investigation of a lotic bay of Lake of the Woods (Minnesota, USA) impacted by cultural development. *J. Paleolimnol.* **38**: 137-156.
- 4) Suchy, K., Hann, B. (2007). Using microfossil remains in lake sediments to examine the invasion of *Eubosmina coregoni* (Cladocera, Bosminidae) in Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada. *J. Great Lakes Res.* **33**: 867-874.

*****COMING SOON*****

- 1) Serieyssol C., Edlund, M., Kallemeyn L. (submitted). Impacts of settlement, damming, and hydromanagement in a large, boreal lake: a paleolimnological Before-After, Control-Impact study.
- 2) Rühland, K., Paterson, A., Smol, J. (submitted). Hemispheric-scale patterns of climate-related increases in planktonic diatoms from North American and European lakes.
- 3) Rühland, K., Paterson, A., Hargan, K., Michelutti, N., Clark, B., Smol, J. (submitted). Evidence for linkages between recent warming and diatom community reorganization in the Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada.